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MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS

The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC
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Dear Minister,

I congratulate you on your appointment to the Ministry and I take this opportunity to raise with you an important issue within your portfolio.

Without a doubt the worst decision made by one of your predecessors was to close Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield and to sell off its invaluable school farm to developers.

The decision to move Hurlstone Agricultural High School to Hawkesbury and sell off the Glenfield land was completely inconsistent and contradictory to the Bill introduced into the Parliament by the then Liberal National Opposition in 2009.

The Liberal National Government's backflip on this issue is breathtaking and ripe with hypocrisy.

The local community has, quite rightly, been outraged by the Government's decision on Hurlstone. Often politicians lament the lack of public trust in our political system – sadly decisions such as your Government's on Hurlstone only add to this level of disengagement and mistrust.

It is not too late to reverse the Government's appalling decision on Hurlstone.

To this end I would seek a meeting to discuss the future of Hurlstone Agricultural High School in Glenfield.

Feedback from my constituents is clear: they want local students to be able to access an outstanding agricultural high school and they want the invaluable green open space on Hurlstone's farm to be saved from developers.

I look forward to the opportunity to persuade you on the many merits to retaining Hurlstone Agricultural High School at its rightful home in Glenfield.

Yours sincerely,

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